

Wednesday, February 22, 1995

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2907–S2984

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 457–463. **Page S2965**

Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment: Senate resumed consideration of H.J. Res. 1, proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S2911–17, S2920–52

Rejected:

Byrd Amendment No. 256, to permit waiver of the article when the United States is engaged in military conflict by majority vote. (By 55 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 75), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Rockefeller Amendment No. 306, to protect the disability and death benefits of veterans. (By 62 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 76), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

Dorgan motion to refer H.J. Res. 1 to the Committee on the Budget with instructions.

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Senate will continue consideration of the resolution on Thursday, February 23, 1995.

Appointments:

British-American Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276l, appointed Senator Stevens as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group during the 104th Congress. **Page S2984**

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, appointed Senator Murkowski as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the 104th Congress. **Page S2984**

Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h–276k, appointed Senator Kyl as

Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the 104th Congress. **Page S2984**

Interparliamentary Union: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276a, appointed Senator Burns as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Interparliamentary Union during the 104th Congress. **Page S2984**

North Atlantic Assembly: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, appointed Senator Roth as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly during the 104th Congress. **Page S2984**

Congressional Budget Office: The Chair announced on behalf of the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, pursuant to Sec. 201(a)(2) of Public Law 93–344, the appointment of Ms. June Ellenoff O'Neill as Director of the Congressional Budget Office for the term of office beginning on January 3, 1995, effective March 1, 1995. **Page S2984**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting notice of rescissions and deferrals; pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; which was referred jointly to the Committee on the Budget, the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Finance, the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, and the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (PM–21). **Page S2964**

Transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the minimum wage rate under that Act; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources. (PM–22). **Pages S2964–65**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John Chrystal, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 1997. (Reappointment)

George J. Kourpias, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 1997. (Reappointment)

Gloria Rose Ott, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 1996.

Harvey Sigelbaum, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 1996.

Inez Smith Reid, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Army. Page S2984

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—76) Pages S2938, S2948

Recess: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and recessed at 8:10 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, February 23, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S2984.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations resumed hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for foreign assistance, focusing on political and economic reform in the New Independent States of the former Soviet Union, receiving testimony from James F. Collins, Office of Special Advisor to the Secretary for the New Independent States, and Thomas W. Simons, Jr., Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to the New Independent States, both of the Department of State; and Thomas A. Dine, Assistant Administrator for Europe and the New Independent States, Agency for International Development.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Rebecca G. Cox, of California; Alton W. Cornelia, of South Dakota; Gen. James B. Davis, USAF (Ret.), of Florida; S. Lee Kling, of Maryland; Benjamin F. Montoya, of New Mexico; and Wendi L. Steele, of Texas, each to be a Member of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Securities: Senators Gramm (Chairman), Bennett, Shelby, Faircloth, Grams, Dodd, Murray, Boxer, and Bryan.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief: Senators Shelby (Chairman), Grams, Frist, Gramm, Bennett, Bond, Mack, Bryan, Moseley-Braun, Dodd, Kerry, and Boxer.

Subcommittee on International Finance: Senators Bond (Chairman), Mack, Faircloth, Bennett, Frist, Boxer, Moseley-Braun, Kerry, and Murray.

Subcommittee on Housing Opportunity and Community Development: Senators Mack (Chairman), Bond, Frist, Shelby, Kerry, Dodd, and Bryan.

Subcommittee on HUD Oversight and Structure: Senators Faircloth (Chairman), Gramm, Grams, Moseley-Braun, and Murray.

MONETARY POLICY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee held hearings to examine the Federal Reserve's conduct of monetary policy and the economic outlook for 1995, receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

TAX REFORM

Committee on the Budget: Committee held hearings to examine certain proposals to reform the United States income tax system, receiving testimony from Senator Nunn; Representative Armey; Eric Toder, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (Tax Analysis); and Harry L. Gutman, King & Spalding, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

REGULATORY REFORM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 219, to establish a moratorium on Federal regulatory rulemaking actions, after receiving testimony from Sally Katzen, Administrator,

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget; Stephen H. Kaplan, General Counsel, Department of Transportation; William B. Schultz, Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; C. Boyden Gray, Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, on behalf of Citizens for a Sound Economy, Thomas J. Donohue, American Trucking Associations, Inc., David G. Hawkins, Natural Resources Defense Council, and C. Dean McGrath, Jr., American Automobile Manufacturers Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Sal Risalvato, Riverdale Texaco, Riverdale, New Jersey, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; and Rainer Mueller, Safe Tables Our Priority, Oceanside, California.

REGULATORY REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts held hearings on S. 343, to reform the Federal regulatory process, receiving testimony from Thomasina V. Rogers, Chair, Administrative Conference of the United States; Rick Keith, West Bend Elevator Company, Mallard, Iowa; Sal Risalvato, Riverdale Texaco, Riverdale, New Jersey, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; and Marshall J. Breger, Heritage Foundation, Peter J. Ferrara, National Center for Policy Analysis, and Tom O'Conner, National Grain and Feed Association, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue on Friday, February 24.

AUTHORIZATION—RYAN WHITE CARE ACT

Committee on Labor and Human Services: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Ryan White CARE Act of 1990, after receiving testimony from Senator Hatch; Philip R. Lee, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Health; William J. Scanlon, Associate Director, Health Financing and Policy Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Mayor Wellington Webb, Denver, Colorado; David W. Curtis, Burlington, Vermont, on behalf of the Vermont Coalition for AIDS Research, Education and Services; Donna E. Sweet, University of Kansas School of Medicine, Wichita; Douglas Nelson, Campaign for Fairness, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; June E. Osborn, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Alexander Robinson, National Organizations Responding to AIDS, Washington, D.C.; Erle Blake, Columbiana, Ohio; and Anna Wyman, Miami, Florida.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Eight public bills, H.R. 1010–1017; and one resolution, H. Con. Res. 32, were introduced. **Page H2063**

Report Filed: The following report was filed as follows: H. Res. 93, providing for the consideration of H.R. 450, to ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on regulatory rulemaking actions (H. Rept. 104–45). **Page H1984**

Defense Department Supplemental Appropriation: By a yea-and-nay vote of 262 yeas to 165 nays, Roll No. 154, the House passed H.R. 889, making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions to preserve and enhance the military readiness of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995. **Pages H1979–84, H1985–H2010**

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back forthwith containing amendments so as to ensure that discretionary outlays for fiscal year 1995 that are made pursuant to new budget authority do not cause discretionary outlays for fiscal year 1995 (computed without regard to any emergency designations) to exceed the amount currently allocated to the Committee on Appropriations pursuant to section 602(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (rejected by a recorded vote of 163 yeas to 264 noes, Roll No. 153). **Pages H2008–10**

Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. **Page H2008**

Rejected the Obey amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to provide the \$2.5 billion in supplemental defense appropriations requested by the Administration, rescind \$2.2 billion in previously appropriated defense funds; and require the Secretary

of Defense to make those cuts according to the Secretary's own determination of the lowest priority defense programs, while providing for 30 days notice by the Secretary to, but not approval of, the Congress for such cuts (rejected by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 260 noes, Roll No. 152).

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H. Res. 92, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a year-and-nay vote of 282 yeas to 144 nays, Roll No. 151.

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Paperwork Reduction: By a recorded vote of 418 ayes, with 6 voting "present", Roll No. 157, the House passed H.R. 830, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to further the goals of the Paperwork Reduction Act to have Federal agencies become more responsible and publicly accountable for reducing the burden of Federal paperwork on the public.

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Agreed To:

The committee amendments en bloc; Page H2021

The Meyers of Kansas amendment that provides that all provisions requiring information collection must include how long records on such information must be kept;

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The Sanders amendment that requires that, in acting to reduce Federal paperwork and reporting requirements on small businesses, OMB and Federal agencies establish as a priority the reduction of such requirements on those "smaller" small businesses for whom Federal paperwork costs impose the greatest burden; and

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The Crapo amendment that provides that private citizens have a right to a complete defense or bar to an action taken by Federal agency information collection activities that have not been cleared by OMB, which do not display a current OMB control number on the information request form, or which fail to state that the request for information is not subject to clearance under provisions.

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Rejected:

The Collins of Illinois amendment that sought to omit provisions amending the definition of "collection of information" and "the disclosure to third parties or the public of information", effectively preserving the 1990 Supreme Court decision regarding OMB's regulatory oversight authority (rejected by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 254 noes, Roll No. 155); and

Pages H2021–24

The Maloney amendment that sought to "sunset" the measure after five years (rejected by a recorded vote of 156 ayes to 265 noes, Roll No. 156).

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The Clerk was authorized to make such technical and conforming changes as may be necessary in the engrossment of the bill.

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H. Res. 91, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

Pages H2011–12

Committees to Sit: It was made in order that the following committees and their subcommittees be permitted to sit on Thursday, February 23, during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Committees on Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, National Security, Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Select Intelligence.

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Presidential Message—Budget Deferrals and Rescissions: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits one revised deferral, totaling \$7.3 million, and two revised rescission proposals, totaling \$106.7 million—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–40).

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Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: The Speaker appointed to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe the following Members on the part of the House: Representatives Porter, Wolf, Funderbunk, Salmon, Hoyer, Markey, Richardson, and Cardin.

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North Atlantic Assembly: The Speaker appointed to the United States Group of the North Atlantic Assembly the following Members on the part of the House: Representatives Rose, Hamilton, Coleman, and Rush.

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2064–67.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1984, H2008, H2009–10, H2010, H2023–24, H2027–28, and H2029. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

RESCISSION; AGRICULTURE, FDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action a supplemental/rescission measure for Fiscal Year 1995.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Attorney General. Testimony was heard from Janet Reno, Attorney General.

RESCISSION; ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved for full Committee action a rescission measure for Fiscal Year 1995.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Corps of Engineers: Southwestern Division, North Pacific Division, South Atlantic Division, and on Lower Mississippi Valley Division. Testimony was heard from the following Division Engineers, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army: Col. James Paul King, USA, Southwestern Division; Maj. Gen. Ernest J. Harrell, USA, North Pacific Division; Brig. Gen. Ralph V. Locurcio, USA, South Atlantic Division; and Brig. Gen. Eugene S. Witherspoon, USA, Commander, Lower Mississippi Valley Division and President, Mississippi River Commission.

RESCISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs approved for full Committee action a rescission measure for Fiscal Year 1995.

RESCISSION; INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action a rescission measure for Fiscal Year 1995.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Indian Education and on the Bureau of Mines. Testimony was heard from Thomas W. Payzant, Assistant Secretary, elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education; and Rhea L. Graham, Director, U.S. Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior.

RESCISSION; LABOR, HHS AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies began consideration of a rescission measure for Fiscal Year 1995.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Secretary of Labor and on the Employment and Training Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Robert B. Reich, Secretary; and Doug Ross, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training, Employment and Training Administration.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative held a hearing on the Joint Committee on Printing, GPO, and on the Library of Congress. Testimony was heard from Representatives Thomas and Hoyer; Michael F. DiMario, Public Printer, GPO; and James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the Secret Service. Testimony was heard from Eljay B. Bowron, Director, U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on veterans' Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the American Battle Monuments Commission and Cemeterial Expenses, and on the National Credit Union Administration. Testimony was heard from Gen. Fred Woerner, USA (Ret), American Battle Monuments Commission; John Zirschky, Acting Assistant Secretary, Civil Works, Cemeterial Expenses, Department of the Army; and Norman E. D'Amours, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration.

LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD SOLUTION FOR HOUSING AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on "Local Neighborhood solutions for Housing and Economic Opportunities." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ADMINISTRATION'S HUD BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Administration's HUD Budget: Reform or Retrenchment? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Paul L. Posner, Director, Budget Issues; and James E. Wells, Associate Director, Housing and Community Development Issues.

Hearing continue tomorrow.

COMMON SENSE PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM ACT; OVERSIGHT PLANS

Committee on Commerce: Began consideration of H.R. 917, Common Sense Product Liability Reform Act. Will continue tomorrow.

The Committee approved oversight plan for the 104th Congress for submission to the Committee on

Government Reform and Oversight and the Committee on House Oversight.

WELFARE REFORM CONSOLIDATION ACT

Committee on Economic and Education Opportunities: Began markup of H.R. 999, Welfare Reform Consolidation Act of 1995.

Will continue tomorrow.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on District of Columbia and the Subcommittee on District of Columbia of the Committee on Appropriations held a joint oversight hearing to review the Financial Condition of the District of Columbia. Testimony was heard from the following officials of Audit Support and Analysis, GAO: John W. Hill, Jr., Director; Terry L. Carnahan, Assistant Director; Edward H. Stephenson, Assistant Director; and Laura B. Triggs; and the following officials of the District of Columbia: Marion Barry, Jr., Mayor; David A. Clarke, Chairman, Council; and Robert Pohlman, Acting Chief Financial Officer.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held an oversight hearing on Efforts to Reduce Costs and Increase Efficiency of HUD. Testimony was heard from Susan Gaffney, Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Judy England-Joseph, Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

AFRICA—HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Human Rights Situation in Africa. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: John Shattuck, Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; and Edward Brynn, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, African Affairs; and public witnesses.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Foreign Relations Authorization: Refugees. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Brunson McKinley, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MEXICAN PESO BAILOUT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere and the Subcommittee on

International Economic Policy and Trade held a joint hearing on the Mexican Peso Bailout. Testimony was heard from Representative Kaptur; Jeffrey R. Shafer, Assistant Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

COMMON SENSE PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Began markup of H.R. 956, Common Sense Product Liability Reform Act of 1995.

Will continue tomorrow.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Continued hearings on the Fiscal Year 1996 National Defense authorization request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Gordon Sullivan, USA, Chief of Staff, Army; Adm. J. M. Boorda, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Ronald R. Fogelman, USAF, Chief of Staff, Air Force; and Gen. Carl Mundy, Jr., USMC, Commandant, Marine Corps.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

REGULATORY TRANSITION ACT

Committee on Rules: By a record vote of 8 to 4, granted a modified open rule providing 1 hour of debate of H.R. 450, Regulatory Transition Act of 1995. The rule makes in order the Government Report and Oversight Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for amendment purposes which shall be considered as read. The rule provides a 10-hour time limit on the amendment process. Priority in recognition may be accorded to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD prior to their consideration. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Clinger and Representatives McIntosh, Collins of Illinois, and Slaughter.

NSF BUDGET

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on the NSF budget. Testimony was heard from Neal F. Lane, Director, NSF.

Hearings continue March 2.

CAPITOL GAINS TAX REFORM

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Capital Gains Tax Reform. Testimony was heard from Jane Gravelle, Senior Specialist in Economic Policy, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION AND APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development concluded hearings on Economic Development Administration and Appalachian Regional Commission. Testimony was heard from Casper Taylor, Speaker, House of Delegates, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

DISPOSITION OF ICC'S NON-MERGER AUTHORITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads held a hearing on the Disposition of the ICC's Non-Merger Rail Authority. Testimony was heard from Barry Hill, Associate Director, Transportation Issues, GAO; Gail McDonald, Chairman, ICC; Joseph Canny, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Transportation Policy, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

MINIMUM WAGE

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Administration proposal to raise the minimum wage, after receiving testimony from Representatives Longley and Owens; Robert B. Reich, Secretary, and Alan Krueger, Economist, both of the Department of Labor; Lowell Taylor, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Peter Brandon, University of Wisconsin, Madison; Finis Welch, Texas A&M University, College Station; Bill Rogers, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia; Herman Cain, Godfather's Pizza, Omaha, Nebraska; Grant Maloy, Gabrielle Growers, Oviedo, Florida; Charles Fuller, Off Campus Bookstore, Athens, Georgia; and Audrey Haynes, Frankfort, Kentucky.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the military strategies and operational requirements of the unified commands, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings on S. 440, to revise title 23, United States Code, to provide for the designation of the National Highway System, and to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Transportation's Federal-aid highway program 2 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold hearings on S. 4, to grant the power to the President to reduce budget authority, and S. 14, to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed cancellations of budget items, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to consider pending nominations, time and room to be announced.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Education, Arts and Humanities, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E408-11 in today's RECORD.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, hearing on the Effects of the Federal Tax Code on Farmers, Ranchers, and Rural Communities, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Food Safety and Inspection Service, 1:30 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies, on the Secretary of Commerce, 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn, and to mark up Fiscal Year 1995 Rescissions, 12:30 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Corps of Engineers: North Central Division, New England Division, and on Pacific Ocean Division, 10 a.m., and on Corps of Engineers: South Pacific Division, and North Atlantic Division, 2 p.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, on Fish and Wildlife Service, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on OSHA, 10 a.m., and on Mine Safety and Health Administration, Employment Standards Administration, Office of the American Workplace, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, and on Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative, on OTA and the GAO, 9:30 a.m., and on GAO and Public Witnesses, 1:30 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, overview hearing, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies, to mark up Fiscal Year 1995 Rescissions, 3:30 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Secretary of Treasury, 10:30 a.m., H-163 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies, on Office of Consumer Affairs, Consumer Information Center, 10 a.m., and to mark up Fiscal Year 1995 Rescissions, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs, to mark up H. Res. 80, requesting the President to submit information to the House of Representatives concerning actions taken through the exchange stabilization fund to strengthen the Mexican peso and stabilize the economy of Mexico, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Humphrey-Hawkins oversight hearing on the Biennial Report to the Congress, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, to continue hearings on the Administration's HUD Budget, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, to continue consideration of H.R. 917, Common Sense Product Liability Reform Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, to continue markup of H.R. 999, Welfare Reform Consolidation Act of 1995, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Postal Service, hearing on the general oversight of the U.S. Postal Service, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, joint hearing on the North Korean Military and Nuclear Proliferation Threat: Evaluation of the U.S.-DPRK Agreed Framework, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, to continue hearings on Foreign Relations Authorization: Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs, hearing on Cuba and U.S. Policy, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue markup of H.R. 956, Common Sense Product Liability Reform Act of 1995; and to begin markup of H.R. 988, Attorney Accountability Act of 1995, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, to continue hearings on the Fiscal Year 1996 National Defense authorization request, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, hearing on base closure and realignment issues, 2:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on U.S. Geological Survey and Bureau of Mines fiscal year 1996 budget requests, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the reauthorization of the Magnuson Fisheries Conservation and Management Act, in particular H.R. 39, Fishery Conservation and Management Amendments of 1995, 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, hearing on H.R. 260, National Park System Reform Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, executive, to consider pending business, 4 p.m., HT-2M Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, to continue hearings on Restructuring Air Traffic Control as a Private or Government Corporation, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare provisions in the Administration's budget, 9:30 a.m., and to mark up H.R. 483, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the exception to the market discount rules for tax-exempt obligations, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

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